10. Manganese Ore (India) Limited.

11. Vijayanagar Steel Limited.

12. Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Vijayanagar Steel Plant

953. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the progress made in regard to the Vijayanagar Steel Plant, the foundation of which was laid by late Shrimati Indira Gandhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): Due to resource constraints, the Vijayanagar Steel Project could not be implemented in the public sector. After delicensing of the steel industry in July, 1991, Government of Karnataka was seeking to establish the steel project in collaboration with M/s Essar Gujarat Limited, for which purpose a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) had earlier been signed between the Karnataka State Industrial Investment and Development Corporation Limited and M/s. Essar Gujarat Limited. However, M/s. Essar Gujarat Ltd. have subsequently withdrawn from the MOU.

Production of Steel

954. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing capacity of steel production of SAIL;

(b) what is the normal percentage of utilisation of capacity by the SAIL units;

(c) what is the production of steel in each of these (Bhilai, Durgapur, Rourkela, Bokaro, Vizag and Salem) steel plants in the years, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(d) what is the percentage of utilisation of capacity in each plant in each year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The existing achievable capacity of Saleable Steel for SAIL integrated steel plants (including IISCO) is 8.823 million tonnes.

(b) to (d) A Statement, indicating plant-wise and year-wise production and capacity utilisation of saleable steel in SAIL plants including IISCO and Salem Steel Plant, Alloy Steel Plant and Visveswaraya Iron and Steel Limited is attached.

Statement

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UNIT : '000 Tonnes

Plants	Year	Saleable Steel	
		Actual	% Capacity Utilisation
SAIL	1987-88	6674	86
	1988-89	7261	87
	1989-90	7063	81
	1990-91	7364	84
	1991-92	8028	91

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BSP	1987-88	2173	81
	1988-89	2542	81
	1989-90	2594	82
	1990-91	2795	89
	1991-92	3104	98
DSP	1987-88	835	89
	1988-89	832	89
	1989-90	700	75
	1990-91	727	78
	1991-92	681	73
RSP	1987-88	1156	97
	1988-89	1168	98
	1989-90	1111	93
	1990-91	1087	93
	1991-92	1125	96
BSL	1987-88	1968	80
	1988-89	2277	87
	1989-90	2325	74
	1990-91	2426	77
	1991-92	2730	87
IISCO	1987-88	542	100
	1988-89	442	100
	1989-90	333	109
	1990-91	329	97
	1991-92	387	102
* *SALEM*	1987-88	31	116
	1988-89	34	112
	1989-90	31	93
	1990-91	41	122
	1991-92	42	67
ASP	1987-88	89	91
	1988-89	107	60
	1989-90	135	76
	1990-91	145	79
	1991-92	161	87
VISL	1987-88	39	35
	1988-89	41	36
	1989-90	66	58
	1990-91	75	66
	1991-92	97	86

% Capacity Utilisation with respect to equivalent tonnes as per DPR product-mix.

SAIL Authority

955. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited has earned ever profit in 1991-92;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited propose to pay dividend for the first time; and

(d) if so, tht details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.